



All Fairlington Newsletter

President's Message

March 2026

As the snowbanks recede and the days grow longer, signs of spring are beginning to appear. After one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent memory, the change in season is most welcome. Other changes may also be on the horizon.

At FCA's February meeting, Maureen Coffey, vice-chair of the Arlington County Board, encouraged residents to begin thinking about the future of the former Fire Station 7 site. The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) will share opportunities for community members to participate in discussions about its future. Please follow [FCA](#) for updates as more information becomes available.

Another potential change may occur next month when Virginians vote on a redistricting amendment. The referendum is scheduled for April 21, and early voting will begin on March 6. FCA will share additional information as it becomes available. Current proposals indicate that Fairlington would remain in Congressional District 8, along with other parts of South Arlington and the City of Alexandria, while North Arlington would shift to a different district.

Finally, we hope you will join us virtually on Wednesday, March 11, to hear from the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation. Officials will discuss proposed changes along King St. and other transportation projects that may affect Fairlington.



—Jenn Davies, president@fca-fairlington.org

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County Board Vice-Chair Cautions Difficult Budget Season Ahead

Maureen Coffey, vice-chair of the Arlington County Board, joined the FCA February meeting. Following the Stumbling Stones presentation and

Coffey noted that Arlington's office vacancy rate is the highest it has ever been. Due to the vacancy rate and significant cuts to federal programs, the county faces a substantial budget gap. Addressing the shortfall may require reductions in county services, including shorter hours at libraries and community centers, county staff furloughs, hiring freezes, and a possible property tax increase.

Coffey emphasized that the county will continue to prioritize funding for the Department of Human Services programs that support Arlington County's most vulnerable residents.

—Jenn Davies



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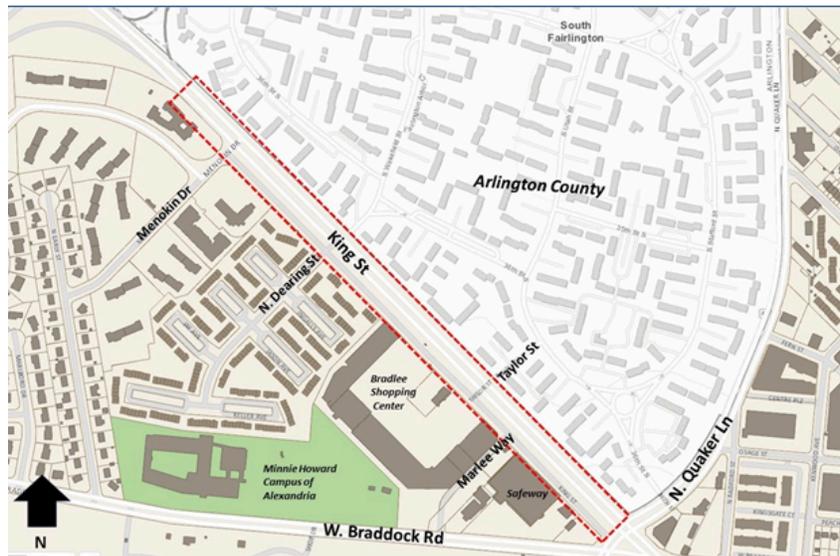
Fairlington Small Business Expo

Join us for the **Fairlington Small Business Expo** on Saturday, March 14, proudly **sponsored by Kay Houghton & Associates!** This community event brings together small business owners who live in Fairlington, giving you the chance to meet your neighbors, learn about their services, & discover local offerings.

Each participating business will feature **exclusive expo-only offers**, making this the perfect opportunity to shop local & support the people who make our community so special.

This event is FREE, but we kindly ask that you [RSVP here](#).

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Area identified for improvement along King St. Image courtesy of City of Alexandria.

City of Alexandria to Present on King St. and Nearby Transportation Projects

Sara Brandt-Vorel, transportation capital project manager for the City of Alexandria, will brief the FCA and the community on transportation projects affecting Fairlington. Brandt-Vorel will present at FCA's virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 11, which will be livestreamed on the [FCA Facebook page](#).

The briefing will include updates on the [King St.–Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements](#) project, as well as the [W. Braddock Rd. Corridor and N. Howard St. Access and Safety Study](#).

In December, a [fatal crash](#) occurred at the intersection of King St. and S. Taylor St., just outside Fairlington Glen, underscoring the importance of these safety improvements.

—Jenn Davies

March Events Calendar

Interested in having your event included? Email afbeditors@yahoo.com

FCA Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 11, 7 p.m.

Virtual livestream on the [FCA Facebook page](#).

Fairlington Book Group

Tuesday, Mar. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 104

The Fairlington Book Group will meet to discuss a work of fiction selected at the February meeting. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book. To be

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Fairlington Diners

Saturday, Mar. 28, 12 p.m.

[Founding Farmers](#), 461 Swann Ave., Alexandria, (703) 594-1445

Parking is validated at the garage just behind the restaurant at 2575 Oakville St. This is a cooperative-grower-owned spot serving farm-to-table-themed American fare in rustic digs. Please email [carol_dabbs](mailto:carol_dabbs@yahoo.com) at yahoo dot com if you plan to attend, and include your name and a way to reach you on the day of the event in case plans change. To receive these notices early each month, also send your email address to the same contact.

Fairlington Moms

Are you a Fairlington Mom looking for more support, play opportunities for kids, or a group of friends in the same period of life for some fun? The Fairlington Moms' Club is the place for you. We offer:

- Playgroups for different age groups, accommodating all moms & schedules
- Family holiday-themed events
- Moms' nights out
- Meal trains and support for when you need it most
- Our very own classifieds listserv and WhatsApp group

All moms welcome! Please email fairlingtonmomsclub@gmail.com for further information.



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When Pain or Poor Sleep Starts Affecting Everyday Life

elsewhere. What tends to feel different is how those concerns are handled. Appointments aren't rushed. Rather than jumping straight to treatment, the team takes time to understand how pain, bite, and breathing may be connected, then suggests practical solutions for symptom relief.

Some patients come in worn down from years of tension or disrupted sleep. Others simply want to understand why something doesn't feel quite right and be offered options for feeling better.

That steady approach brings clarity around what's causing the pain or poor sleep, and meaningful relief. It gives people confidence that their symptoms can ease and daily life can feel better again.

More about the practice at www.fairlingtondental.com



Photo by Guy Land.

Future of Fire Station 7 Remains Uncertain

At the February 11 meeting, the FCA asked Arlington County Board Vice-Chair Maureen Coffey for an update on the future of [Fire Station 7](#), which was closed in October 2018 due to structural safety concerns. FCA has periodically requested information about the site, but few details have been available.

Coffey confirmed that Fire Station 7, along with several other county-owned properties, will need to be addressed. Currently, there is no dedicated funding for a feasibility study in the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). However, Coffey said the project could be considered in the next CIP cycle, when planning discussions begin this summer.

Coffey cautioned that the county may not have sufficient funds to bring the building up to code for continued county use. One possible option would be to

Residents are encouraged to share feedback and ideas by emailing the county board at CountyBoard@arlingtonva.us.

In the coming months, FCA hopes to host a town hall with county officials to engage the community in discussions about the site's future.

—Jenn Davies

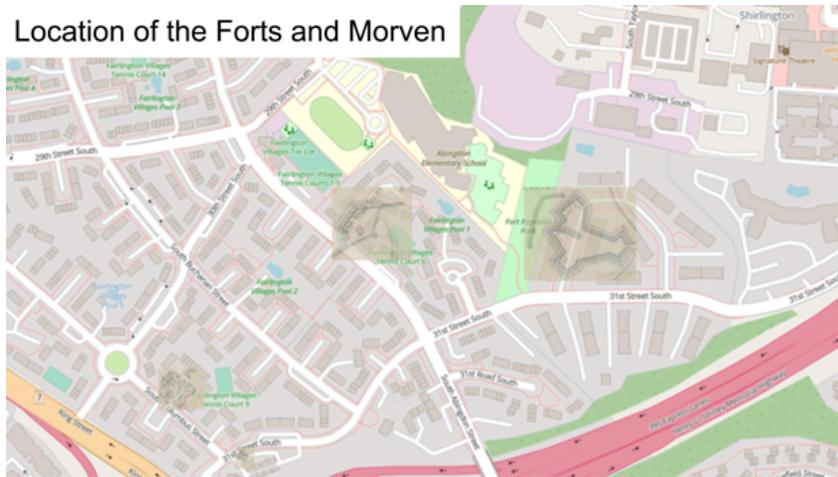
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Location of the Forts and Morven



Estimated overlay of the Morven Plantation house near S. Columbus St., with estimated locations of Fort Reynolds along S. 31st St. and Fort Garesché near Abingdon from the Civil War period. Courtesy of Dan Burd / Fairlington Historical Society.

Fairlington Historical Society

Stumbling Stones Project Moves Forward

The FCA and community members attended a presentation by the Arlington Historical Society's Memorializing Enslaved in Arlington project, along with representatives from the [Fairlington Historical Society](http://FairlingtonHistoricalSociety.org). The program shared the history of enslaved individuals who lived and worked on the Morven Plantation, which once covered much of present-day Fairlington.

Stumbling Stones that have been purchased for installation in Fairlington. An unveiling event is planned for late April or early May. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

With records documenting 43 enslaved individuals at the Morven Plantation, FCA hopes additional stones can be privately sponsored and installed throughout the community. Residents interested in learning more or sponsoring a stone are encouraged to visit the [Memorializing Enslaved in Arlington](#) project website for more information.

—*Jenn Davies*

Fairlington Oral History Project Marks 25th Anniversary of September 11

The [Fairlington Historical Society](#) is launching an oral history project to mark the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The Society is seeking Fairlington residents who were living in the community on that day and are willing to share their memories and experiences.

Volunteers will be invited to participate in an oral recording and/or provide a written account. These stories will be preserved on the Fairlington Historical Society website for future generations.

Residents interested in participating are asked to contact secretary@fairlingtonhistoricalsociety.org. Interviews will be conducted in March and April.

—*Lisa Sabol*

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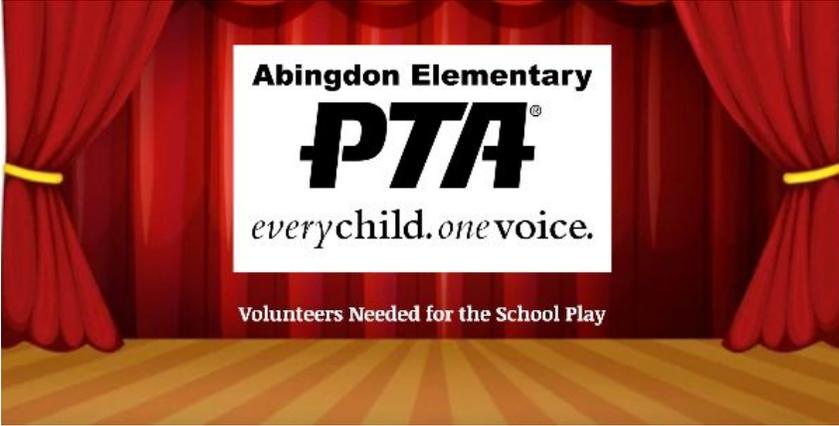
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Volunteers Needed for the School Play

Abingdon Elementary School

March PTA Announcements

The Abingdon Elementary School PTA is seeking volunteers to help support the fourth- and fifth-grade play. If you have skills in sewing, carpentry, or sourcing costumes and props, your help is needed. Volunteers are currently sought for the following roles:

- Two seamstresses or costumers
- One carpenter
- One thrift store shopper

To volunteer or learn more, contact president@abingdonpta.org.

Save the Date: Read-a-thon Begins March 2

Abingdon's annual Read-a-thon kicks off on March 2. More details will be shared by the PTA.

Save the Date: Doyle's Outpost Night Out March 19

the school. Twenty percent of purchases during the event will benefit the Abingdon PTA.

—*Kay Spencer*



Two years ago the leaves at the top of this American elm started to shrivel and droop, a symptom of Dutch Elm Disease. The tree finally died and was removed. Photo by Sue Davis.

For the Love of Nature

Death of an Old Fairlington Elm

Who knows its age, but the old elm stood guardian behind my property for generations—a volunteer between the cedars lining King St., branches interwoven with each other in a celebration of life.

Two springs ago, everything changed. The leaves on the west side of the tree shriveled and hung drooping after seeds had dropped. Dutch Elm Disease was the reply I received from other gardeners. Still it hung on through the summer. Last spring, the east side of the tree followed the west, but not until the final seeds were deposited throughout the neighborhood. With no leaves to give to the earth in October, the old elm began to shed what was left of itself, small twigs first. By December the twigs were branches. Then a small explosion alerted me to how it might end. Forty feet above the ground, a huge branch, a tree in its own right, broke. There was no crash. The cedars held the elm in its arms, easing the old elm to its death. By the time the contractor came, it was quite dead and had become a safety issue. I noticed the contractor didn't use his saw all the time to take down branches—just broke them off with his hand.

—*Sue Davis*



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